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AS OF JULY 1: Our new address Now is **27436 Desert Rose Ct., Leesburg, FL 34748;**

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A PERSONAL NOTE: If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else. HA is being mailed early so a convention update can be received in time.

THIRD REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The 2005 “3rd Revised Ultimate History” is \$52 including P&H. If you bought any of my earlier editions, the cost is \$42 including P&H. Please send new information when you can for the first supplement. I will need the information by October 1, 2006.

CONVENTION 2006: This is our 31st convention. Dates are Oct 19 - 22, 2006 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note new web site: <<http://www.fotr.net>>

CONVENTION 2005: 2005 Convention booklets are available for \$2.00 including P&H. There are many guests bios and pictures. A special 30th anniversary booklet was also printed with articles and pictures. Cost of this is also \$2.00 including P&H.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Production, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

Also Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it; -**Old Time Radio Digest**, Summer; articles about Walter Winchell; being an OTR dealer and collector; - **Chattanooga Airwaves**, July – August; articles about Tom Mix Ralston Straight Shooters; Katharine Rant; - **Return With us Now**, Aug; articles about Lux Radio Theater; Sam Edwards; -**RCA Newsletter**, July; article about Death Valley Days; -**Radio Recall**, august; articles about Radio's 100th anniversary; Talbot Mundy's Jack Armstrong radio serials; Counterspy; -**Radiogram**, August; articles about Amzie Strickland; Daytime Dailies; Mercedes McCambridge; The Shadow; -**The Jack Benny Times**, Sep – Dec; articles about or interviews with Dix Davis and Veola Vonn; Stuart Canin; -**Movie Crazy** Summer; articles about autograph collectors; Joan Leslie

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>. **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571; Many books are from **McFarland**; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 750, Boalsburg, PA 16827 <Bearmanormedia.com>

CONVENTIONS:

Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, Sep 14 - 17, 2006 at Four Points Sheraton, Aberdeen, MD; ; Web site is www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com; For information call Michelle or Martin at 77-456-6208;

31st Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 19 - 22, 2006 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>)

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (**Radio Days**) is celebrating its 10th year on the web...**Chuck Schaden** <nostalgiadigest.com>... **BCR (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com>...**Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>... **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au>...**Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>... **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>...**Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org>... **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia>...**Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>... **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>>...**Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org>...**Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com>...**The OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffer/>> ...**Doug Kosmonek** <members.shaw.ca/doukgosmonek>...new e-mail is <doukgosmonek@shaw.ca>...**Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com>...**The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com...**Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <blogs.salon.com/0003139>...**Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>>...**RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org>...**Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <<http://www.otr.com>>...**Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>. (also) <http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com>...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <andy@vintagebroadcasts.com>...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 <tedotr@sbcglobal.net> (WEB) www.radiomemories.com....**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gnolib.la.us>... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com>....**Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>...**BCR Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <platecap@brcradio.com> <www.brcradio.com>...**Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042...**Audio Classics Archive (Terry Salomonson)**, Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com>...**Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater...**Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net>...**Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>... **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com>...**Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com>...Danean MacAndrew, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com>...**Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02167

<www.heritageradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio:
<www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast>...

All listings below list sampling of shows. Bequaert Old Book Cat. #B21; The largest selection of OTR related books and magazines

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Charles Reinhart, 1616 Robert Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601

OLD FRIENDS: (From Joe Webb); I'm helping my son work on a project related to the fire at the Boston Cocoanut Grove night club fire of 11/28/1942. Nearly 500 people died, one of them being famous western movie actor Buck Jones.

Some background of the fire is at:

http://www.boston.com/news/daily/21/archives_cocoanut_112292.htm

We are looking for the following and wondered if some of our fellow OTR folks might be able to assist us.

- 1) Band remotes broadcast from that site on or prior to that date (please note that there was a similarly named nightclub in Hollywood, but we are searching only for the one in Boston)
- 2) News broadcasts that might mention the fire (we already have the CBS news of 11-29-1942) – maybe there were some on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, etc.
- 3) Recordings of Dotty Myles (Columbia recordings), who was the performer there at that time.
- 4) Recording of Boston College - Holy Cross college football game from this date; strangely, BC was heavily favored to win and had booked the venue for a party that night; they lost, canceling the event, and avoiding catastrophic loss of life.
- 5) Photographs of memorabilia (menus, matchbook covers (ironically), napkins).

If you have anything, such as recordings, please contact me at drjoewebb@yahoo.com. I will share information and recordings with others upon request.

IN FOND MEMORY: Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, Aug 3, 90; operatic singer (Austrian Radio);-Mike Douglas, Aug 11, 81st birthday; singer with Kay Kyser on radio...Fred Collins, Oct 6, 82; announcer (X-1, Dimension X);-Milton Kaye, Aug 14, 97; Pianist, conductor (WOR, several radio series) ;-Maynard Ferguson, Aug 23, 78; bandleader (US Army Reserve shows on radio);-David Gaines, Aug 27, 92; sound technician with the Mercury Theater;-Glenn Ford, Aug 30, 90; actor (Adv. of Christopher London; also many anthology series);-Lois January, Aug 7, 93; actress (County Fair);-Mary Lee Robb, Aug 28, 76; the Great Gildersleeve;-John Conte, Sep 4, 990; had own radio show; -Astrid Varnay, Sep 4, 88; opera singer (Metropolitan Opera)

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970.

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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CONVENTION 2005: UPDATE # 2

October 20 – 23, 2005

General Information

All information about **Seating, Ads, Registration, Rooms** are on the first update that came with the flyer. **Please preregister.** Those coming for the day will save \$5 a day by preregistering. Also, if you are coming for the day only, you will not have to stand in line and fill out a registration card if you preregister. Don't forget the package prices. ...Remember: **Those people paying for the day must pay an extra \$10 if they want to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres.** The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only.

If you wish to stay for the re-creations at night and you do not stay for dinner, the cost is \$20.

Guest Changes

Additional Guests: Beverly Washburn, Darlene Tompkins, Al Markim, Bill Herz and Ruth Last
Not coming: Tommy Cook, Peggy Webber, Jay Siegel

Dealers

There are a few tables left.

Workshops and Re-creations

The complete schedule as of September 7th is enclosed. Re-creation, workshop and panel leaders please take notice. Please make sure that all your participants are aware of the times for rehearsals and performances. If you need anything special, please let me know. If your people need rides, make sure Bill Nadel knows what time they have to be at the convention. He should be called by October 1st (212) 724-0763.

Raffle

There will be a raffle on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. If you would like to donate prizes, please let me know. We depend on the money received from the raffle and the sale of books, records, tapes, t-shirts and pins at the FOTR table to help pay for the many guests we have at our convention. We also will have tote bags and mugs for sale

Also, for our 30th, we will have a special 30th anniversary DVD and VHS for sale. This was made by the Berneys and has excerpts of previous conventions

Books

Books on sale at the convention as of now follow. If authors are tentatively coming, they are marked by an asterisk (*): Some authors will have their own tables; "Laughs, Luck and Lucy" by Jess and *Gregg Oppenheimer; "Speaking of Radio" by *Chuck Schaden; "The Lost One", Story of Peter Lorre; by Stephen Youngkin; "Flashgun Casey, Crime Photographer" by *J Randolph Cox and *David Siegel; there will be 11 books from McFarland: "Wizard of Oz Catalog" "Music Radio" "From Edison to Marconi" "The Original Amos 'n' Andy" "Doris Day" "Mickey Rooney" "Jeff Chandler" "Mercedes McCambridge" "Walter B Gibson, The Shadow" "Sound Effects" "Radio's Captain Midnight;" The last 3 are paperbacks of previously published books; so far authors of these books attending are Elizabeth McLeod, Ron Lackmann, Bob Mott

My Third Revised Ultimate History will be for sale. There will be much new information in it.

Hotel

Don't forget to reserve your rooms quickly. They may very soon be all sold out. Call the Holiday Inn-North directly during business hours for reservations (1-973-589-1000) or (1-973-854-7817) and ask for Isabel. Also call the 800 numbers for Howard Johnson and the Sheraton for the best prices.

A tentative schedule Follows (As of September 10th)

Wednesday: Dealers tables and possibly sound equipment set up at night
Complimentary Wine and cheese from 6 pm to 10 pm.

Thursday: The sound equipment and the stage will be set up. Dealers will be open at 9 am.

1:15 – 2:15	Bob Mott Sounds off
2:30 – 3:15	Eddie Cantor in Cartoons (B Gari, D Tague)
3:30 – 4:15	Jean Shepherd (M Schmid with Author Eugene Bergmann))
4:30 – 5:30	Tom Powers reading "Buck Rogers"

5:30 – 8:00	Cocktails and Dinner; raffle
8:00 – 8:45	Original re-creation (Lone Ranger) (Rehearsal 4:00 – 5:30 pm; reading 2:45 – 3:45 pm) (A Anderson)
9:00 – 9:20	Light of the World with Lynne Rogers (B Nadel) (Rehearsal (3:00 - 4:00; reading 1:45 – 2:30 pm
9:30 – 10:00	Tom Corbett with Frank Thomas and Al Markim (A Tollin)
10:00 – 10:30	Those Were the Days Radio Players present “Damon Runyon Theater” (A Piece of the Pie)... (Rehearsal 1:30 – 3:00; Reading 12:00 - 1:00)

Friday Morning and Afternoon

9:00 – 9:45	Game Show with Fred Berney
10:00 – 10:45	George Downes presents “Children’s Radio and TV shows” with Special Guests (To Be decided)
11:00 – 11:45	Jack French; History of Syndicated Shows
12:00 – 12:45	One on One with Shirley Bell (C Schaden)
1:00 – 1:45	One on One with Simon Jones (Steve Lewis)
2:00 – 2:45	Radio Comedians (Kathy O’Connell; Derek Tague) with guests; those being considered are: Mickey Freeman; Larry Storch; Soupy Sales; others
3:00 - 4:30	(Re-creation) Dave Warren Players; (A Date with Judy); (Rehearsal 3:00 – 4:30; reading 1:30 – 2:30) (B Watkins)

Friday Evening

5:30 – 7:45	Cocktails and Dinner, raffle
8:00 – 8:45	(Re-creation) Don Ramlow Directs (“Mr. and Mrs. North”) ; (Rehearsal 11:00 am – 12:30 pm; Reading 9:30 – 10:30 am)
9:00 – 9:30	Re-creation; Superman with Noel Neill (A Tollin) (Rehearsal; 12:30 - 1:30)
9:45 – 10:30	Re-creation; The Shadow (A Tollin) (Rehearsal 1:30 – 3:00; Reading 10:30 – 12 noon for both))

Saturday Morning and Afternoon

9:00 – 10:00 "Nathaniel Shilkret Radio Broadcasts Rediscovered" by Niel Shell, grandson

10:15 – 11:45 Jimmy Lydon Presents: a special about Fox Movietone News; the world from 1903 to 1963; Sutton Room. Both of these are in the Sutton Room

9:00 – 9:45	30th anniversary show (J Webb, S Weiss, L Palmer, G Yogg, B Burchett, D Siegel, A Tollin, J Hickerson, others)
10:00 – 10:45	Elizabeth McLeod and Amos ‘n’ Andy
11:00 – 11:45	Salute to Orson Welles (G Yogg)
12:00 – 12:45	Re-creation; Gotham Players; with Simon Jones; “Frontier Gentleman” (Rehearsal 10:30 – 11:45) (Reading 9 - 10 am)
1:00 – 1:45	Gregg Oppenheimer remembers Lucille Ball
2:00 – 2:45	The Joe Franklin show (Joe Franklin with director of TV show, Bob Diamond; Paul O’Keefe, Michael Gwynne, Susan Gordon, others to be announced)
3:00 – 4:30	Singers, musicians and Big Bands, 9th annual (Stu Weiss and Brian Gari) with possible guests; Sonny Curtis; Susan Gordon; Paul O’Keefe, Irving Fields
4:45 – 5:30	Re-creation: Dr. Christian (Rehearsal 3:30 – 4:45; Reading 2:00 – 3:00 pm) (with special taped introduction by Earl Hamner, Jr.)

Saturday Evening

5:30 – 8:00	Cocktails and Dinner, raffle, awards,
8:15 – 9:00	(Re-creation) the Halls of Ivy (G Yogg) (Rehearsal 2:15 – 3:30; Reading 12:45 - 1:45)
9:15 – 9:45	Ethel and Albert (Peg Lynch and Arthur Anderson)
10:00 – 10:30	(Re-creation) The Plot to Overthrow Christmas (A Anderson) (Rehearsal 1:00 – 2:15; Reading 11:30 – 12:30)

Sunday Morning

7:00 - 9:30	Breakfast in the restaurant
9:30 – 11:00	Informal Panel in the Dresden Room
11:00 – 12:00 noon	Special meeting of committee to discuss next year.

Please keep in touch. I will be at the Holiday Inn on Wednesday, October 19 around 12 noon

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